

shooting a minute droplet by inkjet technique of said aqueous solution into said oily liquid layer to contact said planar substrate;

61 providing a covering in contact with said oily liquid layer;

wherein said oily liquid layer surrounds all surfaces of said minute droplet of said aqueous solution that are not in contact with said planar substrate;

providing to said minute droplet a reactant; and conducting a reaction in said minute droplet with said reactant whereby evaporation is reduced.

37. (Amended) The process of claim 34 wherein a contact surface between said

GJ substrate and said minute droplet comprises an enzyme adsorption preventing agent.

38. (Amended) The process of claim 34 wherein a contact surface between said

substrate and said minute droplet comprises a bovine serum albumin coating.

REMARKS

Claims 34, 37, and 38 have been amended. They have been amended per the Examiner's suggestions. Support for the amended claims can be found in the specification and the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added by these claim amendments. Claim 34 has been amended to delete the term "said contact surface." Claim 34 has also been amended to delete the term "protected" and the term "produced." Claim 37 has been amended to delete the term "the" and to insert the term "a" to provide proper antecedent basis. Claim 38 has been amended to delete the term "the" and to insert the term "a" to provide proper antecedent basis.

Claims 21, 22, 25, 29, 32-34, and 37-39 are pending.